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Labor Editors View November 5 Election Results

A cross-section of the Labor Press editors' views of the national election of November 5 may be found in the following excerpts taken from Labor papers at hand, November 13:

The *East Bay Labor Journal*, Editor Herbert E. Albers, heads an election story "Labor Candidates Defeated as People Forgot Their Friends." Stating that "the people, as usual, after winning a war and enjoying years of prosperity fell back into their old ways of forgetfulness and proceeded to go 'all out' for the party that was responsible for the greatest depression this country ever had, the party responsible for Do Nothing Hoover and the reactionary 'isolationist' element in the United States." Editor Albers closes his lead article, saying:

"Some day we may remember our friends and the tight belts of the twenties, the mass starvation in a land of plenty. Some day we may remember these things and it is to our disgrace that we didn't last Tuesday, November 5th."

A different view is taken by *The Washington Teamster* (Seattle). This publication, printed on behalf of the Joint Council of Teamsters in Seattle in a Page One editorial blames the defeat of the Democratic party in part as follows:

"The Democrats lost the unified support of Labor, without which they can never hope to win on a national scale, when they tried to appease the enemies of the Unions. The anti-Labor attitude of southern Democrats, who were in command of the committees of Congress in a Democratic regime; the fact that one of the worst anti-Union measures came from the White House with the president's blessing; the final double-cross of Labor on the Hobbs Bill, contributed heavily to the smashing upset of the Democratic administration." The editorial closed with these words: "The majority has spoken as it is their American right. As good Americans we accept the results. We have complete confidence that the American people will not tolerate radicalism on the part of either Labor or Employers."

Managing Editor Maury E. Rubin of the St. Louis (Mo.) *Labor Tribune* viewed the election in the following manner:

"The American people have spoken. In unmistakable terms they showed that they wanted a change, and they are entitled to get everything that they voted for."

"In all events, the 'game is now over' with the mandate of the people enunciated. With the many bitter words of the campaign behind us, let us hope, and pray, that the victors will have at heart the best interests of ALL America in their future actions. It is our fervent wish that they will exert their new power in humane interests and, with harmony once more prevailing, bring this nation to heights never before dreamed of in all human history. The best of luck to each of them!"

"Let's get busy at once."

Denver, Colorado, voters wallowed through 28 inches of snow to go to the polls and elected two progressive and liberal candidates. The *Colorado Labor Advocate*, through Editor Al Magnuson's eyes, claims the Democratic victory "was more pronounced and more significant, political observers said, in face of the Republican avalanche that swept States above the Mason-Dixon line while, in Colorado, a normally GOP State, the two top offices went to Labor-endorsed progressive candidates from the Democratic ranks," but "the national picture shows Union members and their families registered disapproval of the Truman administration and candidates of both parties by staying away from the polls."

Editor Jimmie Hicks of the *Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin* states editorially that:

"The people of the United States have exercised the prerogative of the free by casting their ballots for the election of public officials. They have made changes in their representation and, in many instances, have replaced officials by the power of their suffrage. A

general acceptance of the results, by victorious and defeated candidates and their supporters, is something to be thankful for. . . . Weighing the American system of elections in the scales of fair judgment, one is bound to conclude that it seems to be equal to any now operating on the earth. That it will be more responsive to the ideals and principles that stir average Americans is one of the certainties of the future. What the ideals and principles may be, however, is a matter of considerable speculation."

The *Oregon Labor Press* (Portland) stated editorially that "we are not good at Monday morning quarterbacking. We shall therefore not undertake a discussion of why the voters made the choices they did—although it is quite obvious that they were disgusted with the Truman administration from top to bottom."

Editor S. Eugene Allen also stated in the editorial that "contrary to the opinion of a few of the reactionaries—in both parties—the election did not constitute a mandate to restrict Labor unions nor to halt social progress. It was, on the other hand, a re-affirmation upon the part of the American people of their conviction that real social progress and free Labor unions cannot exist in a regimented society."

The *Los Angeles Citizen* lead editorial by Editor Paul M. Goss, entitled "Tuesday's Election," stated, among other things that the results were due to the following reasons:

"Widespread protests against economic conditions, many of which resulted from war years and emergency conditions, and could not be readjusted during the first post-war year. Those who based their votes on this reasoning actually did not vote against the Democrats in office, but against conditions which they believed should have been corrected."

"Dissatisfaction with the national administration's position regarding wartime restrictions after the war ended. It is certain many millions of American voters believe ALL wartime regulations and restrictions should have been removed months ago. To register their dissatisfaction they had to vote for the Republican candidates."

"Finally, there must have been many votes against the Democratic candidates solely for the reason the citizens believed one party had been in control long enough, or too long. This, of course, is not a very sound basis for determining how to vote. But it does play an important role every so often in American politics."

Editor Wells Tofts stated editorially in the *Labor Leader*, San Diego, that:

"Well, we took a terrible pasting at the polls."

"But having recognized that, we can't shrug it off, congratulate the winners and go on about our business."

"A pasting at the polls has no time-limit—it isn't like a pasting on the football grid or inside the ropes of a ring."

"The election returns are posted and our defeat is official, but we haven't even begun yet to take our punishment."

"The National Association of Manufacturers read the election returns almost as happily as Herbert Hoover did."

"They have received a mandate to dish it out."

"Organized Labor is going to take it."

Raymond Lonergan, writing in *Labor*, national newspaper printed in Washington, D. C., representing groups of railroad unions, stated "There were many reasons for the Democratic debacle—reaction from the tension of the war, the unfortunate handling of OPA, failure of the housing program, innumerable family quarrels within the party. However, a large share of the blame goes to the 'lunatic fringe' of the CIO, the Political Action Committee. That organization and its affiliates probably spent a million dollars, most of it collected from the workers. The chief results of its labors were confusion and dissension. One of the reactionaries' most effective battle cries was: 'We must defeat the Communistic PAC.' It was terribly effective in some places and alienated ten of thousands of voters who ordinarily would have been in the Progressive fold."

To Admit German Workers

STOCKHOLM (ILNS)—The executive committee of the International Transport Workers' Federation, at a recent meeting in Stockholm, resolved to admit German transport workers' organizations into membership, providing they in every way fulfill the federation's demands for a democratic program of ideals and action.

Hanna Boys' Center Fund Campaign Labor Endorsed

The San Francisco Labor Council at its regular weekly meeting Friday night, November 8, adopted a resolution (elsewhere printed in this issue) favoring the Archbishop Edward J. Hanna Center for Boys' fund appeal.

The drive, seeking a goal of \$975,000, will open next Monday, November 18, in the 13 counties of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Purpose of the fund is to make possible the construction of a home for boys whose homes have been shattered by circumstances of war or post-war economic upsets. The Hanna Center will be located near Danville, California.

Establishment of such a center is not an untried venture. About a year and a half ago a small center was opened in Menlo Park to determine the number of youths who needed this type of care, and the results that could be achieved in working with them. The demonstration proved beyond expectations that a new and larger center is vitally needed. At present there is a waiting list that exceeds 200, and many boys are being turned away because of the limited capacity.

Labor in all counties will lend full support to this splendid endeavor in the name of a man who always had a keen interest in the aims and activities of Labor. Archbishop Hanna was such a man and the establishing of a newer and larger boys' center is a fitting and proper tribute to him.

For more information or telephone numbers, Warehousemen's Union, No. 860, AFL, was given a new number, according to Thomas White, secretary-treasurer. The new number is EXBROOK 3604. Location of the union's offices remains at 400 Brannan street.

Bill Sloane Visits S. F.

Visiting San Francisco after spending considerable time in Los Angeles doing organizing work on behalf of the Building Service Employees' International Union, Bill Sloane, popular member and officer in San Francisco local of Elevator Starters and Operators' Union, was renewing friendships. Sloane has been in Los Angeles a number of months, but manages to return to San Francisco now and then. He stated that unionization of establishments under the jurisdiction of his organization is in a state of flux, with many gains being made.

Support Appreciated

Officers and members of Sanitary Truck Drivers, No. 350, AFL, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, expressed their thanks to the voters of San Francisco for the favorable results of Charter Amendment 16 at the November 5 election. Further expression of thanks was extended to Labor of this city for endorsing the proposition. Adoption of the amendment had in effect the granting of a wage increase for those workers who collect the city's garbage.

Vets in Factory Jobs

WASHINGTON—Although many veterans quit their jobs to return to school, their number on factory pay rolls in August rose to 2.7 million, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. More than a third of the veterans were employed in industry groups where weekly earnings averaged more than \$50. August average-weekly earnings in manufacturing were \$44.90. The percentage of veterans employed in groups averaging less than \$40 weekly was less than 13½ per cent.

Meeting Postponed

SAN FRANCISCO (CLFN)—Due to unavoidable circumstances, the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor will meet at the Hotel Roosevelt in Hollywood on December 20-21, instead of as originally scheduled on November 22-23. Notification to this effect was sent to all of the vice-presidents. Those people who planned to appear before the council in regard to their specific matters should keep the change of date in mind.

Early Copy

Correspondents having copy for insertion in the *Labor Clarion* for issue of Thanksgiving Week (November 29) will insure publication of their material if it is received NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25. This change in date is made necessary by the holiday and consequently our press day is moved up twenty-four hours.

Permanent German Office To Be Established by AFL

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN (AFLN)—Plans of the American Federation of Labor to establish a permanent office in Germany, probably in this city, were announced here by William Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers and a vice-president of the AFL.

Mr. Doherty said Henry Rutz, a former major in the manpower branch of the Military Government, was en route from New York to head up the new office.

Mr. Doherty is one of the three leaders of the American Federation of Labor who arrived here recently for a study of German unionism. The others are German-born Anton Jacobs, of Detroit, international representative of the Butchers and Meat Cutters' Union, and Israel Fineberg, of New York, vice-president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

German Labor unionists are "enlightened and democratic," Mr. Doherty said he observed. He declared he expected to recommend to the Military Government that its work be facilitated by increased allocations of such items as paper, printing materials and automobiles.

The AFL representatives expect to tour the United States, British, French and perhaps the Russian zones for further observations in the next five weeks.

Asked what relationship he envisaged between German unions and the AFL, Mr. Doherty said the AFL was willing to participate in a world federation composed of free and democratic unions. He believed, he said, that German unions would become eligible to join such a federation.

The future of German unions, he explained, depended on the development of political liberty and of a central government in Germany and on what was done to encourage production and relieve misery.

Full production, Mr. Doherty said, is the only means by which Germany can dig itself out of the existing "economic chaos."

Re-creation of a central government "would be a great incentive to the workers," Mr. Jacobs said.

Mr. Fineberg told newsmen that the distribution of more printed material and other facilities would aid greatly "in spreading the idea of trade unionism" among the German people.

MacArthur Seeks Labor's Aid

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Back from Japan, Mark Starr, educational director of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, said here he had brought from Gen. Douglas MacArthur a request that Organized Labor in this country give him the benefit of its experience to advance economic democracy in Japan. Starr, who spent six weeks as a Labor education consultant to the Military Government in Japan, reported more than 4,000,000 Japanese workers had joined trade unions since the war ended and that the unions were definitely contributing to social and economic improvements. He said "some excesses" by Labor unions could be expected because some leaders had been imprisoned for 10 years and their release might lead to radical steps.

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(Authority: Consumers Union)

Pay Hike Granted Drivers Of Beer Trucks in Capital

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The flow of beer to the thirsty in the Nation's Capital was resumed over the week-end with settlement of a three weeks' stoppage called by the Beer and Soda Water Drivers' and Helpers' Local 67 (AFL).

The back-to-work movement began after some 500 drivers in the metropolitan area and beer distributors agreed on terms worked out in conferences with Conciliation Commissioner James A. Holden. The new plan provides:

1—Drivers get a \$30 weekly base wage plus 8 cents commission per case as against \$25 and 7 cents per case under the old contract, and go on a five-day week instead of six days. The union had sought 10 cents per case commission, crux of the dispute.

2—"Inside" top men, in foremen capacities, receive an \$11 weekly wage boost to \$53.

3—All other "inside" workers get \$50 per week instead of \$40.

4—Warehousemen for distributors go from \$34 to \$43 per week.

5—Two weeks vacation after three years instead of five, with vacation pay of \$40 instead of \$35 for drivers.

The contract runs until April 30, 1948. More than half the workers will get retroactive pay to June 12 and the remainder to October 9.

Watt Praised by ILO Chief

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—High tribute to the conscientious efforts devoted to the International Labor Organization by Robert Watt, United States Labor delegate to the ILO, was expressed in a recent visit here by Guildhaume Myrddin-Evans, Deputy Secretary of the British Ministry of Labor and National Service, and Chairman of the Governing Body of the ILO. Commenting on the AFL official's contribution to the recent Montreal meeting of the ILO, the British Minister said: "Watt hits hard but is a constant champion of the principles to which the ILO subscribes."

Teachers' Examinations

Written examinations for positions in the San Francisco Junior and Senior High Schools will be held in San Francisco on February 8 and 15, 1947. Both days will be required. Applications to take the examinations must be postmarked no later than January 8, 1947 and may be addressed to the: Superintendent of Schools, Bureau of Personnel, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California. A self-addressed commercial size stamped envelope must accompany each application.

35 Redwood Mills HAVE Signed Union Contracts

EUREKA—Union gains in the Redwoods were revealed by AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers on the 300th day of a dispute to secure union security and safety guarantee from nine open shop mill monopolies.

Strike leader, A. W. Muir, international officer of the Lumber Workers' parent Brotherhood of Carpenters, disclosed that 35 mills operating independently of the struck California Redwood Association had at the close of this week signed for both the union shop and a \$1.20 hourly wage minimum and were applying the union label, AFL-8, to their products.

Carpenters nationally have resolved to handle only labelled lumber from the redwoods, Muir said.

One smaller mill, the Indian Creek Anderson Mill at Piercy, Mendocino county, during the week rejected the union agreement and promptly had two trucks of its lumber stalled at the Smith Lumber yard in San Francisco and the Garmston, Green and Wood yard in Oakland.

Muir said but two main issues remained unsolved: the union shop and the equitable wage grant. He said the prevailing union scale in the redwoods today for "all mills manufacturing lumber for sale" was \$1.20 minimum.

Muir stated the signed mills were employing 2,846 union men and pouring out 1,480,000 board feet of "fair" lumber daily. He said a check of trains showed eight of 15 cars in one bore stamped "fair" lumber while, in another, six of seven cars were stamped.

He revealed other organizational gains, with installation of a new union charter at the Page and Gates mill in Mendocino county and the chartering of a new 55-member local at Healdsburg, Sonoma county.

He bitterly scored the struck companies for "shipping stock-piled lumber to old Mexico for swollen export profit," while "forcing President Truman to lift the tariff on import lumber from Canada and elsewhere."

He cited last week's report of Paul Scharrenberg, Industrial Relations Director, that the lumber industry in 1945 was the State's most hazardous in ratio of fatalities to employment as "adding significance to the union request for safety committees of equal Labor-management representation with power to act." Scharrenberg officially disclosed 47 lives were lost and 4,260 other accidents occurred in lumber industrial mishaps.

State Civil Service Exam

An opportunity to learn compensation insurance work is open to veterans who are high school graduates with a year of business experience, announces the State Personnel Board. Under the provisions of the Federal GI Bill, married men may receive \$200 a month and single men \$175 if they pass the examination for compensation insurance trainee, December 12. Applications for this test will be accepted by the board until November 21. Applications should be filed at the board's office in Sacramento, Los Angeles or San Francisco on or before the date given above.

Cartel and Monopoly Inquiry On

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—An investigation of cartels in international trade and monopoly in domestic business is being undertaken, under auspices of the Twentieth Century Fund. A special committee to supervise the inquiry, just set up, is composed of outstanding economists, business men, and representatives of Labor and agriculture.

Deaths in Cooks' Union

Secretary-Treasurer Rene Battaglini recently announced the following deaths in the ranks of Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants' Union, No. 44, AFL. Those who have passed on are: Angelo Varte, September 24; William Blair, October 10, and Mike Dittli, October 22.



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Start of Disability Insurance Plan Ready

SACRAMENTO—Filing with the California Secretary of State of regulations governing administration of the new unemployment compensation disability benefits program opens the way for prompt approval of voluntary plans of disability insurance coverage which many businesses will substitute for the State's plan, it was announced by T. H. Mugford, vice-chairman of the California Employment Stabilization Commission.

The disability insurance system becomes operative December 1, when the State will accept first claims for benefits payable to persons who become unemployed because of illness or non-occupational injury. The program applies to all persons employed in occupations covered by the Unemployment Insurance Act.

"Many of the business firms who are establishing voluntary plans have asked that they become effective on December 1," Mugford said. "The commission will approve promptly all qualified voluntary plans which desire to become effective on that date. Approval of other plans with later effective dates will be granted as quickly as possible."

All regulations covering administration of the disability insurance system have been adopted with three exceptions, Mugford said. Absence of those three points will not prevent the program from going into effect on December 1.

"Pending final determination of the definition of 'regular wages' benefit payments will not be made where they overlap wage payments," Mugford declared.

The disability insurance program will pay benefits ranging from \$10 to \$20 a week to eligible individuals who become unemployed because of physical or mental disability.

Out-of-work Pay Denied

SACRAMENTO—Ruling that more than 150 former employees of the Libby, McNeil and Libby plant in Sacramento had left their work as the result of a trade dispute, the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board has issued a decision denying unemployment compensation to those individuals. The ruling was recently announced by Chairman Toland C. McGettigan of the Appeals Board. All claimants involved in the appeal were members of the CIO Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America. They had been denied benefits originally by Department of Employment claims examiners and carried the appeal to the Appeals Board.

Attitude on Labor Dept. Rapped

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Speaking over a national radio hookup recently, Frank P. Fenton, National Director of Organization for the AFL, called upon Congress to stop treating the Labor Department "as the step-child of the Cabinet." At the same time Fenton went on record in favor of immediate removal of "restrictive" Labor legislation already on the statute books. He cited particularly the Smith-Connally Act. W. Ellison Chalmers, chief of the program division of the Labor Department's Conciliation Service, pointed out that last year 90 per cent of some 12,000 cases turned over to the Conciliation Service were settled without strikes.

Six Railroads Cut Death Rates

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Accidental death rates among their employees were reduced 31 per cent in 1945 by six Class I railroads which were named group winners in the Railroad Employees' National Safety Contest of the National Safety Council. The six winning railroads showed a decrease of 42 per cent in all employee casualties, both fatal and non-fatal. During the same year, Class I railroads, as a group, reduced their accidental death rates slightly, but the total casualty rate showed a slight rise under the pressure of war and demobilization.

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Union Label Column

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LET'S BUY UNION!

Not for many years has as much attention been paid to the label and shop card as is now apparent in the ranks of Labor.

Many articles of wearing apparel as well as furniture, stoves, electrical appliances and other articles of every day use are now carrying the label.

In many stores, restaurants and other marts of trade can be found the shop card of the union having jurisdiction over that particular branch of industry. Our members should familiarize themselves with these labels and shop cards and call for them when buying any commodity. By demanding the label or shop card, we can create a demand for union made goods thereby increasing the number of union people at work and strengthening our position in an economic way.

Let's support our friends and ask them to ask for our label. If you are buying a heating boiler for your new home, let us know and we will tell you where you can buy a union boiler at no cost greater than you would pay for a non-union product.

AFL Trio Denied Right To Visit Mainz Area

FRANKFURT, Germany. (AFLN)—The three members of the American Federation of Labor delegation visiting Germany to study labor unionism in this country have been "denied permission by the French military authorities" to visit Mainz in the French occupation zone at this time.

Because of this denial, William C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers and a vice president of the AFL, told newsmen he and his colleagues had "declined the French invitation to visit the French zone at later dates." Mr. Doherty is accompanied by Israel Fineberg, vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Anton Jakobs, international representative of the Butchers and Meat Cutters Union.

Home Completion Rate Rises

WASHINGTON—The number of new permanent dwellings completed in September, 49,800, continued the increase in housing completions which has marked each month since the beginning of the year. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, new homes completed in September exceeded the August total by 7,600 and were more than two and one-half times the number estimated for last January. In the same month 56,800 new permanent homes were started, adding 200 units to the preliminary estimate shown in the National Housing Agency's October report.

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Union Bricklayers Use Building to Prove Point

YONKERS, N. Y. (AFLN)—Convinced that a first-rate, five-room brick house can be built within the price ceiling of \$10,000, members of the Yonkers AFL Bricklayers' Union are building one themselves here to prove their point.

The union is paying union scale to its members working on the house, paying ceiling prices for materials and is keeping a strict accounting of the cost.

Members of the AFL carpenters' union will also have to be hired, but only to build the roof—the house is almost wholly of brick and masonry, even to its new-type concrete floors. And to make its venture into building contracting complete, the union is letting contracts for plumbing and heating and lighting.

The reason for the project? Garrett Fitzgerald, 39, president of Local 22, explained it this way:

"Contractors here say this kind of house can't be built for less than \$12,000 to \$14,000—the ceiling price is \$10,000," Mr. Fitzgerald said.

"So," he said, "there isn't much new brick construction going on." Fabricated houses costing \$8,500 (on which there is little work for bricklayers) are being constructed in relatively large numbers, he said.

N. Y. Parcel Strike Ends

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Trucks began rolling again here as the strike of United Parcel Service truck drivers, which had tied up deliveries in 375 department stores, was brought to an end in a cheering demonstration of 2,000 members of Local 804, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) under terms of a new wage agreement. It called for reduction in the work week from 45 to 40 hours and a pay raise of \$5.50. This would bring the earnings of parcel drivers to \$56 a week and those of furniture drivers to \$57 for a 44-hour week.

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Redwood Lumber Strike

In this day of enlightened Labor-management relations, it seems incredible that a group of employers in the lumber industry continue to hamstring the building industry and the livelihood of a group of workers by sitting tight and refusing to negotiate a Labor contract. Yet, that is exactly what members of the California Redwood Association are doing. The union of AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers have pared down their demands. All that is left is the union shop and equitable wage questions. More complex questions have arisen in Labor relations throughout this Nation, yet settlements have been made.

There is no reason why this strike should be prolonged. Labor as represented in this black spot has time and again expressed its willingness to get together and settle this strike on an honorable basis for its members and the industry in which they work. This Nation, and this State in particular, is crying for redwood lumber. The workers are cognizant of that fact and regret that they are a party to it. The employers' association must be cognizant of the lumber shortage, yet they brazenly permit it to be prolonged. We feel certain that the employers do not prolong negotiations for the purchase of machinery necessary to their industry. Why should they prolong the settlement of this unhealthy strike, especially when the willingness to settle the question has been forthcoming from Labor. There is only one conclusion to be drawn from their action. They are determined to smash a legitimate AFL union. Labor will resist such efforts and rightfully so. This strike must be settled and settled on a basis of good American common sense and fair play.

Pictureless Cartoon

Item for Izaak Walton Lore Collectors—This is an old story, but a recurring one. The principal of the story, with many of his Labor friends, enjoys a bit of fishing on the Bay. The day of his big catch was ideal; the friends were ideal and the bait and equipment were likewise ideal. But best of all, the sea bass were running in goodly numbers. So off the party went. It wasn't long before our angler hooked one. He gave the line the old heave-ho, but apparently Mr. Bass had other ideas. He dug his caudal fin in the mud and used his other fins as a leverage against the tugging fish line. After what seemed hours of battling to our union official, his efforts were finally rewarded, for gradually he reeled in the line with what was going to be the largest fish ever caught in the Bay. Nearer, nearer the prize came to the gunwale of the boat. Perspiration soaked, hands blistered from the battle never daunted this angler! With gaff ready, the kill neared. And then! And then came the dawn. This battle had been between one human and one mud-filled boot. Tony Cancilla received the congratulations from his lusty group in good spirit and we presume he took a good, long drag from the bait bottle.

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

Everyone enjoyed dancing to the smooth music of "The Pagliacci of the Piano"—Joe Reichman and his orchestra at the Civic Auditorium last Saturday at the dance sponsored by the Production Workers No. 1327.

Visiting at the Labor Temple last week was Bill "Swoonatra" Sloane—who has deserted these parts for an office in Los Angeles—but who is remembered here as having all the gals "swooning" over his crooning!!

Spending part of her vacation in the Hollywood, capital of Filmdom, was Labor Council office secretary Eleanor Nessier. We wonder if the pert and saucy gal got a gander at Van or Frankie Boy?

TRADE UNIONS

By WILLIAM TRANT

(Continued From Last Week)

The "full history of England as a nation," it is agreed, begins in the reign of Henry II, and it is thenabouts that we find anything like a working class gathering itself together. In the three centuries which immediately succeeded the Norman Conquest, the commerce of England was greatly extended. Foreign commodities were "introduced in abundance, and native manufacturers established and improved." This naturally attracted to the towns such serfs as wished for liberty, and thus we find springing up in the towns a class of men possessed of personal freedom, but destitute of property and land. These were the forerunners of the wage-working class.

The Statute of Laborers (23 Ed. III, c. 1) clearly shows the existence of a wage-receiving class, the remuneration being about one penny a day in addition to food; and when it is remembered that the sum mentioned was sufficient to purchase a couple of fowls or the fifth part of a sheep, it is evident that the recipients were well off as things went. Indeed, the statute referred to was passed because, in the opinion of the landowners, the wages of agricultural laborers had become "excessive." Here was, in fact, the first "crisis" on record between employers and employed in England. The depopulation (amounting, it is said, to one-third of the nation) which followed the great plague of 1348, the "Black Death," caused a natural rise in the price of labor. Whole villages died out; houses fell in ruins; entire flocks perished for want of herdsmen; and the corn crop perished for want of reapers. The clergy even raised their fees for masses and prayers, because fewer persons were able to afford such luxuries; merchants and tradesmen took advantage of the small supply of wares to raise their prices; and in like manner the workmen endeavored to profit by the dearth of labor, by refusing to work except at enormous prices. The wealthy class objected to all this, and the purpose of the Act referred to was to fix the wages, by requiring all laborers, etc., to accept the same remuneration as had been customary before the plague. Any lord of the manor paying more was to be mulcted in treble damages; food was to be sold at reasonable prices; and alms were forbidden to able-bodied laborers. The statute, however, seems to have been disregarded; and two years later we find the master shearmen of London complaining to the city authorities that they could not get men at the same wages as formerly, and that the workmen also refused to work unless they were paid by the piece.

There had, indeed, already been something of the nature of a "strike," and it was, therefore, ordered that any further disputes should be settled by the warden of the trade. If a workman did not submit, he was to be punished by the mayor and aldermen. All, however, was of no avail, and what is also surprising is the obtuseness that could for a moment imagine the Act could be enforced. The statute had to be enforced by the Manor Court, and that court depended for efficiency upon the goodwill existing between landlord and tenant; and where statute prices were paid the difference was made up in some other way. Professor Rogers has recently brought to light some curious instances of evasions of the Act, by the alterations in the record of the court from the price actually paid to the statute prices; alterations evidently made to technically conform to the law, while actually evading it. At last the peasants combined to resist the law. They organized themselves, and they subscribe considerable sums of money for the defence and protection of serfs, which, it has been suggested, may have included the payment of fines. In point of fact, here is a rudimentary trade union to resist an unjust law and to secure higher wages. A similar statute to the one above quoted was passed in 1362, when, after a violent tempest, a royal order was issued that the materials for roofing and the wages of tilers should not be enhanced by reason of the damage done by the storm. An additional statute, with a similar object, was passed the following year.

(Continued Next Week)

Upward Revision Needed

In reviewing the history of the Fair Labor Standards Act during the last two years, one fact stands out above all others: the minimum wage standards provided by the act are obsolete and a higher standard is now needed.

The existing 40-cent minimum has the buying power equivalent to 28 cents at the time the act became effective in October, 1938. The real minimum wage in industry has thus been declining instead of advancing, defeating the express purpose of the act.

Sharp and continued rises in the cost of living, advances in productivity and the requirements of improved post-war standards of living make imperative a prompt and substantial revision of the act's present low minimum standards. It is equally important to strengthen the act by eliminating a number of unwarranted exemptions it now embodies and by extending the scope of its coverage.

Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

QUESTION—Although my husband is working at a steady job, we have had so many expenses lately through illness and other reasons that I feel I should go to work too and supplement the family income.

Before I can go to work, though, even on a part-time basis, I have to make some arrangements about our three-year-old daughter. We have no relatives in San Francisco to leave her with, and so I wonder if it would be possible to place her in a day nursery. If so, which one?

ANSWER—There are approximately 25 public nurseries, including Community Chest ones, scattered throughout San Francisco. There are also many private ones which are, however, a great deal more expensive and may be outside of your budget, considering your present circumstances.

As a working mother, you would of course have a greater chance to enroll your youngster in one of the city's nurseries than someone who isn't working. In any case, I would like to warn you to make your application as soon as possible for the lists are long and many applications are being turned down.

For a complete listing of the nurseries in San Francisco, I would suggest you call or see Francis Taylor, Information Service consultant at the Community Chest, 45 Second street, GARfield 8600. Mr. Taylor will also give you information on the nurseries located closest to your home.

Letter to the Editor

EDITOR, LABOR CLARION:

I think I have solved the way to get an apartment. Anyway, it worked: I sent out 50 postcards to 50 apartment owners; below is what I wrote on the postcards. Some would like to get them printed if they are lucky to find a printer who is not too busy.

A friend of mine paid a reward of \$20 for an apartment, but he said it was worth it after paying \$4 a day for months for a hotel room. If you care to use this to help laboring men you are welcome. Following is what I wrote on the cards:

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City..... State.....
Number of Rooms Wanted.....
Number in family.....
Price wanted to pay.....
Pets—Yes..... No..... (Check)
Phones I can be reached by:
Res..... Office.....
Friend..... Factory.....
Look in telephone book (Yellow Section) for apartment addresses.
F. C. (DOC) BRANCH.

Your Stake in World Affairs

Question—I have seen the committees of the present General Assembly referred to as Committees 1, 2, 3, etc. Which committees correspond to what numbers?

Answer—Committee 1 is Political and Security. Committee 2, Economic and Financial. Committee 3, Social, Humanitarian and Cultural. Committee 4, Trusteeship. Committee 5, Administrative and Budgetary. Committee 6, Legal.

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

(Member of S. F. Typographical Union 21)

We all have a stake in world peace because it is tough to get a stake in world wars, so let me tell you about CPFLW. These initials do not mean Crazy People Face Less Worries. They do mean Curtin's Plan for Liquidating Wars.

Under CPFLW, all money used now for wars would be used to keep everyone in that mellow glow where all women are lovely and charitable, and all men are noble and kind. Since it takes more to accomplish this in some than it does in others, inspectors would be assigned to measure individual capacity. Peace would reign because those who want to fight when swacked usually cannot fight a lick, drunk or sober.

Problems would be elbow bent into shape by the heaviest thinkers of the heaviest drinkers at an Annual League of Notions to which the Russians would bring vodka; the Japs, saki; the French, champagne; the Germans, beer; the Italians, Chianti; the Irish, poteen; etc. The Scotch, of course, would bring the Scotch.

Instead of fearing wars, we would look at the future through bottoms of rose-colored glasses. No one would thirst after his neighbor, for no one would thirst.

Now you know and I know, CPFLW will not be considered by serious statesmen of our day. Now you know and I know, serious statesmen of our day are running the world.

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Labor Clarion

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Bustos, Solomon M.—November 4; Hodcarriers' 36.
Lehmann, Matthies—November 5; Millmen 42.
Chandler, Charles Henry—November 5; Hotel Service Workers' 283.
Sheehan, John Joseph—November 6; Plumbers' 442.
Lucey, Amelia—November 6; honorary member Waitresses' 48.
McCluskey, Morris A.—November 7; Painters' 1158.
Decker, Albert—Sailors' Union of the Pacific.
Gambino, Frank—November 12; Bakers' 493.
OUTSIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO
Delany, Walter—In Alameda November 6; Steamfitters' 590.

AFL Asks Prosecution Of Georgia Mobsters

ATLANTA, Ga. (AFLN)—Charges that one of its organizers was beaten almost to death November 1 were made here by the American Federation of Labor, which declared the assault was committed by members of a mob at Thomaston, Ga.

Immediate demand upon the Department of Justice and State and local law enforcement agencies for "vigorous prosecution" of those responsible for the beating was made by George L. Gooze, director of the Southern AFL campaign to enroll 1,000,000 new members.

Gooze sent telegrams of protest to Gov. Ellis Arnall, Solicitor General P. E. Strickland of Upson County, Ga., and U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark. He charged that the violence was instigated "at the behest of the cotton mill owners in Upson county." The AFL is seeking to organize workers in some of the textile mills of the county.

Gooze said the Labor organizer identified as Robert Walk, was taken to a Thomaston hospital where 47 stitches were taken in his head as a result of a beating about the face with a blackjack. He said the union man was also "kicked, knifed and his clothing was almost completely cut from his body during the attack."

Dutch Transport Labor Up

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—The American office of the International Transport Workers' Federation reports that a national contract, covering all road transport workers in Holland, was signed recently, with improved wages and vacations. The contract provides wage increases from two to six guilders a week, bringing the drivers' pay up to rates as high as 44 guilders a week. The work week is 48 hours and vacations have been increased to 12 days a year, up from six days.

U. S. Buying Jap Xmas Bulbs

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—According to an announcement from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1,250,000 Japanese Christmas tree light bulbs have been imported for sale to dealers through its subsidiary, the United States Commercial Co. The RFC previously announced that Christmas bulbs would be brought in from both Japan and Germany and placed on exhibit for dealers at New York showrooms.

Tennessee Poll Tax End Asked

NASHVILLE (ILNS)—A constitution revision committee, after a year's study, has recommended to Gov. Jim McCord that Tennessee's poll tax requirement for voting privileges be removed from the State's 75-year-old constitution and that a broader measure of self-rule be extended to municipal government. It also proposed limited authority for a convention to consider these and seven other constitutional changes.

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Huge Sum to Be Paid Xmas Savings Clubbers

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Christmas Club depositors, scattered throughout the Nation and numbering 1,761,377 individuals, will receive within the next few weeks \$124,557,464, the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks announced.

This is about \$13,000,000 more than was saved by this method in 1945 and it represents an average distribution of \$70.72 an account, against an average of \$69.25 last year.

New York ranks first, with deposits of \$54,926,206 saved by 713,623 individuals, an average of \$76.97 for each account. Massachusetts follows with \$27,388,719 and 466,718 depositors, an average of \$58.68, and Connecticut ranks third with \$14,117,600 saved by 197,944 persons, an average of \$71.32.

A. George Gilman, president of the association, said "undoubtedly a large portion of these funds will find their way into regular savings accounts and be retained for future use and also into savings bonds during the forthcoming promotional campaign sponsored by the Federal government."

Canada Pulp Lumber Workers Gain First Union Contract

TORONTO (AFLN)—For the first time, workers in Canada's pulpwood will be covered by a union contract following a three-week stoppage by 12,000 members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union (AFL). In addition to their main objective, union recognition, the workers were granted a \$5 daily minimum wage and improved working conditions.

N. Y. Upholsterers Win Pay Hike

PHILADELPHIA (ILNS)—The Upholsterers' International Union, with headquarters here, reports that one of the greatest wage increases gained in collective bargaining throughout the country was registered in New York City by Upholsterers, Decorators and Allied Crafts, Local 44, in successful negotiations with the city's 39 employers represented by the Upholstery Employers' Association. A 25-cent hourly increase was gained in the agreement that ended a month's amicable negotiations. The raise will also benefit Local 44's 1,200 members in the city's 86 "independent" shops which carry out contract terms negotiated between the union and the association.

Free Classes

Persons desiring instructions in Adult English and Naturalization should attend free classes at the San Francisco Continuation School, Mission street near Sixteenth street. English classes are held daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The naturalization classes are from 1 to 3 p.m. Those needing such instructions are free to attend at their convenience. Classes will continue throughout the school year.

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Resolution

Whereas, The late Archbishop Edward J. Hanna was beloved by Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike for his great tolerance and understanding, and

Whereas, He was a strong friend of Organized Labor, and

Whereas, He was deeply devoted to the problems of youth, and

Whereas, The war has left in its wake an appalling number of boys victimized by broken homes, and there is a possibility of a larger number in the immediate future, and

Whereas, An appeal is now in progress to erect a center to care for homeless boys, to be named in honor of Archbishop Hanna, with all boys admitted on the basis of greatest need; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Central Labor Council of San Francisco County hereby unanimously goes on record in favor of the very worthwhile project now in process of completion in the form of the Archbishop Edward J. Hanna Center for Boys. Copies of this resolution are to be sent to all affiliated American Federation of Labor Unions in San Francisco county, and appropriate publicity shall be carried in our Labor Press. Submitted by

THOMAS WHITE,
DANIEL V. FLANAGAN.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council in regular meeting convened November 8, 1946.

AFL to Accept Argentine Invitation Provisionally

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The American Federation of Labor will send a delegation to visit Argentina provided the Argentine government's invitation is supplemented by a similar invitation from the Argentine Confederation of Labor, AFL President Green announced.

In reaching this decision, Green said, the AFL was influenced by the fact that at the recent conference of the International Labor Organization at Montreal, all of the Latin-American trade union delegates presented a resolution unanimously supporting the Argentine Confederation of Labor.

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—A wage increase of 75 cents an hour, bringing their hourly rate to \$3.75, was granted to the United Scenic Artists, Local 829 (AFL), by the Theatrical Contractors' Association. Immediately following this agreement, work was resumed on stage settings for 28 forthcoming Broadway theatrical productions.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Union meeting Sunday. Proposed job contract for 1947 will be adopted and it is expected there will be an unusually large attendance of those employed in the commercial branch. The scale committee will submit its report in printed form and copies will be available to those attending. Place, Labor Temple; time, 1 p. m.

Latest reports from Los Angeles are that the Newspaper Guild rejected proposals from the management of the *Herald-Express* for a resumption of work and that the mechanical unions are negotiating with that and the other Los Angeles newspapers for new contracts.

William Campbell, *Examiner* makeup, suffered a heart attack while at work Saturday, November 2, which necessitated his removal to St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Campbell is reported to be rapidly recuperating.

"Tom" Daly, another member of the *Examiner* makeup department, suffered a slight heart attack while vacationing in Southern California and it was necessary that he enter a Los Angeles hospital for treatment and rest.

Miss Annie Hammond, popular member of the *Examiner* chapel and who has been employed on that newspaper for a number of years, is a patient at Vallejo Community Hospital, having suffered a broken hip as the result of an accident occurring at her home. It will be some weeks before Miss Hammond can resume work.

Robert L. Canine (K-9 to his friends), for 40 years with the *Daily Pacific Builder*, last week himself called "30" to work and filed application for the ITU pension. The *Daily Pacific Builder* chapel gave Mr. Canine a resounding farewell party and the paper for which he had worked four decades carried a nice front-page write-up on his retirement.

On Sunday, November 3, two of the largest typographical unions—Chicago (5,098 members) and Washington (3,160 members)—approved new newspaper contracts for the coming year. After long negotiations for Chicago union by the ITU officers, No. 16 adopted a recommended scale of \$85.50 for day work and \$91 for nights. The vote at Chicago was 336 in favor of the recommendation of the ITU president and 244 for rejection. The newspaper settlement at Washington was negotiated by the local committee without assistance from the ITU. The vote at Washington was 331 in favor of the new scale calling for a day wage of \$77 for days and \$82 for nights, to 20 against.

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that the publishers of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) *Evening Independent* and *Times* should "bargain" with the printers, members of the local union, who have been on strike since November 20 of last year. The newspapers were allowed fifteen days to file exceptions to the ruling of the NLRB.

On Tuesday night, November 5, members of Detroit Union employed on the *Free Press*, Detroit' only morning newspaper, held a chapel meeting extending from 6:30 p. m. to 1:45 a. m. the following morning, thereby causing suspension of publication. According to press dispatches, the meeting was for the purpose of discussing the pending negotiations for a new contract. On the following day, issuance of the two afternoon papers, the *Times* and *News*, was delayed some two hours by a similar happening.

The Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild last week struck the *Philadelphia Record* and the *Camden Courier-Post*, following a breakdown in negotiations for a new contract. Both papers are owned by J. David Stern, who was one of the first, if not the first, publisher to voluntarily recognize and bargain with the Guild when that union was formed in the early years of the depression. Despite the fact the Guild was reported to have voted a strike against all Philadelphia newspapers, only the Stern papers have as yet been struck.

Final ITU Referendum Results

INDIANAPOLIS—Results of the October 23 ITU election were released here by the printers' international officers as follows:

Prop.	For	Against	Prop.	For	Against
1	42090	13589	8	40846	13414
2	35461	19960	9	44812	6410
3	35106	21002	10	45385	6656
4	30665	24741	11	43458	7768
5	40466	14563	12	39403	11656
6	44539	11203	13	43322	7074
7	36183	18747	14	44057	6701
			15	44562	6184

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Bay Area Labor Week

NOVEMBER 6—Senator Shelley and Will Rogers defeated in Tuesday's election . . . Lundeborg, speaking for Seafarers' International Union, charged Isthmian Line with "stalling" on a NLRB collective bargaining election . . . maritime negotiations apparently at a standstill position.

NOVEMBER 7—Drivers' union and Greyhound Bus Company reach agreement on long-argued "standee" question; union to allow limited number of standees until more equipment is available; same union has accepted new contract calling for wage hikes of from 18 to 25 per cent.

NOVEMBER 8—Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy suspended as delegate to S. F. Labor Council on charges centering around non-payment of overtime pay for city employees working under his charge . . . AFL Carmen 1380 request changes in working conditions for street railway men.

NOVEMBER 9—San Francisco members of American Federation of Radio Artists, AFL, voted in favor of authorizing parent body to call strike in wage increase demand; nearly 500 local radio personnel participate in vote . . . U. S. Conciliator Feinsinger due to return to S. F. from Honolulu with various quarters predicting end of maritime strike, others are skeptical of early settlement; CIO engineers whittle down preferential hiring demand.

NOVEMBER 10—Indications this date are to effect that maritime strike here may reach settlement in a few days, chief stumbling-block being union security clause.

NOVEMBER 11—Arbitration of preferential hiring clause in maritime strike may be offered as a means of settling strike, it was indicated by U. S. Conciliator Feinsinger; if arbitration of question is accepted, work is to be resumed pending decision.

NOVEMBER 12—Settlement of CIO engineers' strike nears end, according to reliable sources . . . AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots continue negotiations . . . State Highway Patrol Chief Cato calls bus drivers' union leaders for conference over highway accidents.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

The regular meeting of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 was held in the Committee Room of the Red Men's Building, Tuesday evening, November 12, immediately after the special meeting called for the purpose of voting on changes in the international by-laws. The regular meeting was held one week early this month to prevent having two meetings in November. The referendum vote had to be held November 12 to abide by our international law.

Secretary Grace Young read an interesting report on the American Federation of Woman's Auxiliaries of AFL convention held in St. Louis. Mrs. Young served on the label committee.

The executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Jane Helms, Wednesday, November 6, as scheduled. There wasn't much official business so the members enjoyed a very pleasant social evening. Mrs. Helms is a sweet and gracious hostess. Mrs. Myrtle Bardsley was excused because of illness.

The label committee reported that they had been quite successful in their sale of Union Label Christmas cards. Any one wanting cards, please contact the Label Committee immediately so there will be ample time for delivery and mailing.

First Vice-president Mary E. Haines spent last week in bed suffering from a bad case of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gooler and family made an emergency trip to Lodi, Mr. Gooler's father, George H. Gooler, was very ill with pneumonia. The Goolers spent the week end in Lodi and left the patient much improved.

Chairman Betsy Haines will call a meeting of her entertainment committee this coming week to make plans for our annual Christmas party. Watch this column for further details.

President Loraine Kriese and her husband, John, were happy to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Will Duecker and nieces, Ann and Catherine Duecker, who arrived unexpectedly from Dallas, Texas, last week.

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NLRB Examiner Upholds Typographical Union

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The International Typographical Union (AFL) was upheld by an examiner of the National Labor Relations Board in its year-old strike against the St. Petersburg, Fla., *Evening Independent* and *The Times*.

Thomas S. Wilson, the trial examiner, said the union's refusal to arbitrate was not a refusal to bargain, and recommended that the NLRB direct the publishers to bargain on request with the union. He further recommended the reinstatement, on request, of all employees who were on strike on January 12, 1946, to their former or substantially equivalent employment.

A five-day hearing was held on a complaint that management had refused to bargain with the union and had interfered with the right of self-organization. Thurman Arnold, former judge and one-time chief of the Department of Justice's anti-trust division, represented the newspapers.

The companies contended it was the union which refused to bargain. On that point the trial examiner said:

"The strike of November 20, 1945, was caused by the deadlock reached between the parties in their negotiations and by the refusal of the union to arbitrate that issue in order to break the impasse. * * * In the process of collective bargaining there is no duty on either party to arbitrate their differences in the absence of an agreement to do so reached through direct negotiation between the parties. * * *

"It is, therefore, clear that the respondents (companies) are in error in claiming that the strike was caused by the union's 'refusal to bargain.' Although the union was not willing to arbitrate the difference, the facts show that it was at all times ready to bargain on that issue. Although the union has refused to arbitrate, it has not refused to bargain."

Bus Wage Increase Granted

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—An agreement has been signed by company representatives in Cleveland with the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway, Electric and Motor Coach Employees' Union (AFL), giving approximately 375 Washington employees of the Pennsylvania Greyhound Bus Lines an average wage boost of 6 per cent. The agreement will affect 2,300 drivers, maintenance and terminal employees throughout the system. A pay increase of 14 per cent was granted last February. The Cleveland office of the bus company stated that employees in the following States would be affected by the new agreement: Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia.

Illinois Factory Jobs

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Robert L. Gordon, Illinois Labor director, recently announced that employment in that State's manufacturing industries increased 0.7 per cent from mid-August to mid-September to the "highest level since the war." The largest gains were made in the electrical machinery, heating and plumbing equipment, blast furnaces, rolling mills and the automobile industries. In the metropolitan area of Chicago, employment and payrolls were higher and in 12 down-State city industrial areas. Employment in Chicago areas showed an increase of 0.8 per cent and the payroll gain 2.7 per cent.

W-E-T Home Plan Praised

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The problem of American home-building can best be solved by private enterprise, under such a framework as is provided by the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill, which has had consistent support of the American Federation of Labor. This was the statement brought to the recent Special National Housing Committee of the American Legion here by Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, from Richard J. Gray, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department (AFL), who was unable to attend in person.

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1946

Meeting called to order at 8:15 by Vice-President Rotell. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**—All present; Brother Canella acting as vice-president. (President Shelley on leave of absence.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

CREDENTIALS—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Office Employees, No. 36—Albert Brundage vice Gray Bemis; Painters, No. 19—Harry F. Lambert vice John Norton, and Waiters and Dairy Lunch Men's Union, No. 30—Pete Lallas vice Leonard Siemek.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Friday, November 8.) Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Candy and Grace Fruit Workers No. 158—Geo. R. Lindemann; Brewers No. 893—George Schlee and Henry Jenichen, and Master Furniture Guild No. 1285—Jach H. Sparlin. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From President William Green, copy of a letter addressed to the officers of all National and International Unions in which he outlined the purpose of our Organizational and Strategy Committee and asked that they "respond to the appeal of said committee in as full measure as possible." From Electrical Workers No. 1245, thanking the Council for aid in settling their dispute with six of the major department store firms of this city. From the Fire and Police Campaign Committee thanking the Council for endorsement of Charter Amendments Nos. 4 and 7, also from the Retirement League of San Francisco, expressing appreciation for endorsement of Charter Amendment No. 3, and from Carmen's Union, Division No. 1380, for the Council's efforts on behalf of Charter Amendment No. 1. From Office Employees, No. 36, advising they had disaffiliated from the California Labor School on recommendation of the Council by its action in concurring in a communication from our Organizational and Strategy Committee on this subject. From the Department Store Employees' Union, No. 1100, reporting they had adopted resolution in support of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in their stand against the National Wage Stabilization Board. From Beach Vasey, legislative secretary to Governor Earl Warren, stating the Governor wished to thank the Council for sending a copy of resolution adopted on October 11. From Production Machinists No. 1327, extending invitation to the delegates to attend their tenth anniversary ball at the Civic Auditorium, Saturday, November 9. From the California State Federation of Labor, Weekly News Letters, dated October 30 and November 6.

BILLS were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

DONATIONS—To the Community Chest: Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484, \$250.60. To the Red Cross: Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484, \$107.40; Theatrical Employees B-18, \$200.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED—From Warehousemen's Union, Local No. 860, supporting appeal now in progress to erect a center to care for homeless boys, to be named in honor of the late Archbishop Hanna. (Unanimous.)

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—From the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers requesting strike sanction against the Irving Coffee Shop, Nick Fridas, Antone's and the Stork Club. From Florists, No. 167, asking that strike sanction be granted against flower shop owners: Henry Schrumph, Mehr & Tamke, and Schneider's Florist. From Warehousemen's Local No. 860, requesting strike sanction against the W. P. Fuller Company.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by Chairman Andy Ahern. Brother Johns acting as secretary. All members present or excused. In the matter of the Apartment and Hotel Employees' Union No. 14, request for strike sanction against certain apartment houses, Brothers Dryer and Rown appeared on behalf of the Union, and Mr. Galant and Mr. Blackman appeared on behalf of their apartment house at 2001 Pierce street. The matter involved the signing of a working agreement and was settled when Mr. Galant signed the agreement. In the case of the apartment houses owned by Mr. A. A. Calleaud at 1700 Octavia street, 1808 Pacific street and 3045 Jackson street, and also in the case of the Rubejo Company and their house at 1880 Post street, no one appearing on behalf of the employers, your committee recommended that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union No. 216 request-

Private Sick Insurance Plans Should Be Checked

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—In spite of the fact that the California State Federation of Labor wrote some time ago to the various insurance carriers requesting that they submit any proposed plan covering disability insurance from non-industrial causes, very few such plans were received, and those only at the last minute. Failure of insurance carriers who are going to issue such plans to co-operate with the federation should place the unions under guard against concurring in any such plan.

It must be remembered that the State plan, which goes into effect December 1, will cover the individual employees, so that the union membership will be covered by it in lieu of any individual voluntary plan.

It will be impossible for the federation to analyze all of the plans that may come in at the last minute, but the failure of the companies which are issuing such plans to get them in on time should not cause any anxiety to any of our affiliated organizations.

The federation wishes to emphasize and reiterate that it is of the utmost importance that the unions do not subscribe to any voluntary disability insurance plan until they have first consulted with the federation.

ing strike sanction against the Fry Shoe Company. Brother Ivan Bresee appeared on behalf of the union, and Messrs. Dry, Taylor and Loberg and Miss Rose Morelli appeared on behalf of the employer. The dispute involved the enforcement of the working agreement of their union, and Mr. Fry agreed to establish the new rates of pay retroactive to August 9. This settlement, with the consent of the parties, concluded the case before the executive committee. The proposed working agreement of the Grocery Clerks' Union No. 648 was presented to the committee by Brother Claud Jinkerson, and changes involved are in working hours, vacations and embodying wage increases. Your committee recommends approval of the proposed agreement. In the matter of the proposed agreement of the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders and the Golden Gate Restaurant Association, Brother St. Peter appeared before the committee and stated that this agreement has now been signed by the association, and further pointed out that the embodied improvements were negotiated without any commitment on the part of the unions involved in support of any price increases contemplated by the employers. Your committee recommends approval of this agreement. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p. m. (Report of committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORT OF THE TRIAL COMMITTEE—Report of the committee appointed by the Council to conduct a hearing with regard to charges filed by the San Francisco Council of City Employees against Delegate Daniel C. Murphy was read, in which the committee's recommendations were as follows: Of the six charges filed against Delegate Murphy, the committee found the accused guilty as charged on five, and recommended 60 days suspension from the Council on each charge, sentence to run concurrently. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the report of the trial committee. A debate ensued in which Delegate Murphy spoke in his behalf, and was supported by old friends in the council who wished to suspend sentence because of the past record of the delegate's many years' endeavor in the cause of Labor. The opposition pointed out the present charges were flagrant violations of the contract of the city and county employees and reported the situation as untenable. Delegate White reported for the trial committee, and invited the delegates to read the verbatim transcript of the trial. Debate was closed and the question brought before the house. A standing vote disclosed 151 for adoption and 24 against. Carried by majority vote. Motion was made to give the committee a vote of thanks; carried.

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Web Pressmen No. 4 wished to go on record as supporting Daniel C. Murphy. Fire Fighters No. 798 wished to thank union Labor for its united support of Charter Amendments Nos. 4 and 7.

GUEST SPEAKER—The Hon. Franck Havenner spoke to the council, reaffirming his staunch support of Labor and the principles of our honored late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Said Congressman Havenner, "Human rights are more important than property rights." He thanked the council for endorsing his recent campaign.

Receipts, \$998.00; disbursements, \$355.70.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

San Francisco Calendar

Grand National Livestock Exposition starts today and continues at the Cow Palace until November 24. . . . Institute of Democratic Relations, sponsored by local civic groups, will convene an institute in the Marina Junior High School auditorium on November 19 from 3:30 to 10 p. m. . . . San Francisco Aerie No. 5, Fraternal Order of Eagle, will name committees to handle arrangements for its Thanksgiving and Christmas parties this Friday evening, November 15. . . . San Francisco Lodge No. 3, BPOE, will make a good will pilgrimage to Santa Barbara on November 16 and 17.

Reds May Agree to Ban Draft of German Labor

BERLIN (AFLN)—According to a high-ranking Russian official, the Soviet military government is prepared to sign a four-power declaration binding all the occupation forces in Germany to refrain from conscripting Germans for work abroad. This decision will not be made public until a joint statement of policy has been approved by the British, French, Russian and American military governments. This declaration, already approved in principle by all four, probably will be formally issued by the Allied Control Council at its next meeting.

Labor and Farmers' Prosperity

MONTEAGLE, Tenn. (ILNS)—A "dog-eat-dog" attitude will bring disaster to all, warns Homer Crabtree, Tennessee Farmers' Union secretary, in the current issue of the *Union Farmer*, official newspaper of the union. But "much can be accomplished," Crabtree tells the farmers, "by a conscientious study of working people everywhere." The farm secretary urges the members to make an "earnest endeavor to understand the problems of groups different from our own." Pointing to the relationship between farm prices and wages, Crabtree writes "the farmers' greatest market is found in the vast groups of industrial laborers. We also know," he continues, "that when these people have money to spend, farm surpluses have a way of disappearing."

New WDL Group Set Up

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—Following elimination on technical grounds of the Socialist, Socialist Workers and Industrial Government parties from the ballot in New York, the national executive board of the Workers' Defense League voted to set up a citizens' committee on elections, which would protect the rights of minority parties and to prepare a revision of the State's election law.

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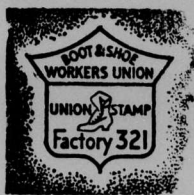
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Notes on AFL Dixie Drive

In Talladega, Ala., employees of the Bemis Brothers Bag Co. have been organized under the United Textile Workers of America, Local 163 (AFL).

A new local has been installed in Goldsboro, N. C. The local is number B-551 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

A National Labor Relations Board election has been won in Paducah, Ky., by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, among the employees of the Paducah Box and Basket Co. The votes totaled 103 for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 55 no union votes, three void and eight challenged, making a total of 169 employees participating in the election.

A charter has been ordered for a local union for the employees of the W. T. Rawleigh Co., of Memphis, Tenn. This company, nationally known, sells its materials from house to house through its agents. The employees voted in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board and the International Chemical Workers' Union was certified as the bargaining agent.

Walter L. Mitchell, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, installed Local No. 282 of the International Chemical Workers on October 18, in Dothan, Ala.

A local union of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, No. 2778, has been formed in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the employees of the Tuscaloosa Veneer Co.

A Laborers' union, composed of laborers in the central Georgia city of Albany, has been organized. This is a local of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union of America.

A local union has applied for a charter in the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America in Albany, Ga.

The North Carolina Federation of Labor has authorized A. E. Brown, AFL organizer, to establish an office in the capital city of the Good Old North State—Raleigh—at a very early date. This office will serve Eastern and Central North Carolina for the purpose of organizing in that industrial area.

A Central Labor Union has been formed in Albany, Ga., where five local unions have applied for charters from AFL headquarters. The locals requesting charters are: National Federation of Post Office Clerks, Local 1377; Electricians, Local 1531; Carpenters, Local 2171; Hod Carriers and Common Laborers, Local 664, and Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 368.

A charter has been granted to a new painters' union in Jonesboro, La.

Fishermen of the Mobile, Ala., area, formerly operating as an independent union, have voted to make charter application to the Seafarers' International Union.

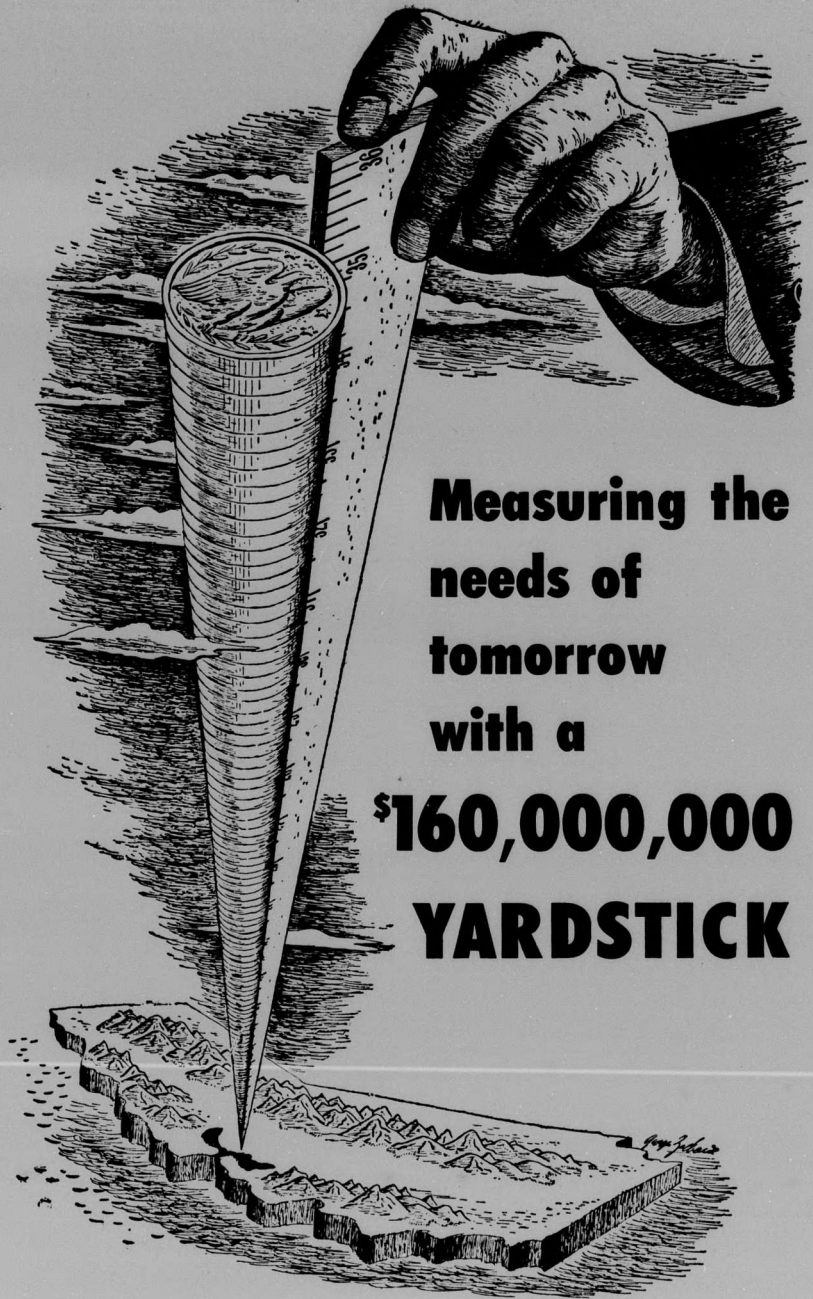
The employees of the J. R. Raible Company of Ragland, Ala., have organized under the Cooper Local Union No. 50.

In Wylam, Ala., two cleaning plants have recently been organized by the Laundry Workers' International Union. They are the Riteway Dry Cleaning Plant and the Avondale Dry Cleaning Plant, both being organized 100 per cent.

In Waco, Texas, on October 24 an agreement was signed between Geyser Ice Co. and the Teamsters, calling for a wage increase of 20 cents an hour, vacations with pay and greatly improved working conditions.

A contract renewal has been effected in Mobile, Ala., between International Paper Co., Southern Kraft Division, and Locals 71 and 80, Office Employees' International, granting an increase in salary of \$10 a month across the board, with vastly improved working conditions.

In Oak Ridge, Tenn., the Atomic City is rapidly becoming an organized center in the American Federation of Labor. The latest group to sign up with the ever-growing caravan of AFL unions is that of the Fire Fighters, working under the direction of Roane-Anderson Company. When this election was held on October 25, the results were 113 votes for the AFL and six against.



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